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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW WITH ATTACHED
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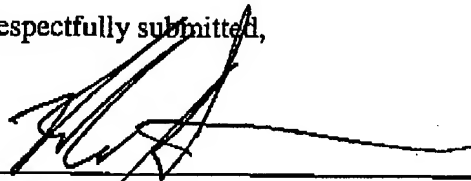
Applicants thank Examiner Hand for the telephone interviews of March 26, 2007 and April 3, 2007 regarding the above application. During the interviews, Examiner Hand indicated that the pending claims would be allowed if a double-patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781 were overcome. Applicants submit the attached terminal disclaimer and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this statement. Nevertheless, if any fees are due, please charge the fees to deposit account 06-1050.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), SMITH & NEPHEW, INC., a corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced application by virtue of:

☒ An assignment from the inventor of Application Serial Number 09/986,392. The assignment was filed on December 10, 2001. The Patent and Trademark Office recorded the assignment at Reel 012356, Frame 0228 on December 10, 2001. A copy of the assignment and notice of recordation is attached. The parent application issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781 on January 17, 2006.

To the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b), and to obviate a double patenting rejection, the assignee identified above hereby waives and disclaims the terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted upon the above-referenced application subsequent to the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781 provided that any patent granted on the above-referenced application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it is commonly owned with U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781.

The assignee identified above does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-referenced application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781 in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its statutory term, except for the separation of legal title as stated above. Assignee herein does not disclaim or otherwise affect any part of U.S. Patent No. 6,986,781.


This disclaimer runs with any patent granted on the above application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

Enclosed is a check for \$130 for the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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